<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1, 6 and 7 as shown below. All claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image input means for inputting an image <u>data</u>;

storage means for storing the image <u>data</u>;

image forming means for forming the image <u>data</u> stored in said storage means; and

control means for controlling said image forming means in accordance with an image forming mode, <u>and</u> ~~which includes~~ a plurality of processing conditions <u>which include</u> ~~comprising~~ a first processing condition for numeric data <u>corresponding to</u> ~~regarding~~ a number of times image forming operations are performed by said image forming means, and a second processing condition different from the first processing condition, <u>the second processing condition corresponding to</u> ~~set for~~ an image forming process,

wherein a function is provided that can set a trial image forming mode for an image forming process in accordance with the image forming mode, and <u>the function halts</u> ~~can halt~~ the image forming process temporarily and <u>enables</u> ~~enable~~ the image forming mode to be reset after a predetermined number of image forming operations are performed based on the second processing condition and regardless of the numeric data of the first processing condition, when the trial image forming mode is effective, ~~and~~

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wherein ~~the numeric data of the first processing condition for~~ a numeric data

for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is

released is controlled in accordance with a state of reset for the image forming mode during

~~in~~ a halted state of the image forming process,

wherein, when the state of reset for the image forming mode ~~is to~~ includes a

reset of the second processing condition, ~~the numeric data of the first processing condition~~

~~for~~ and does not include a reset of the first processing condition, the numeric data for the

image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is set

~~as~~ the same as the numeric data of the first processing condition before the trial image

forming mode ~~was~~ is executed, and

wherein, when the state of reset for the image forming mode ~~is to~~ includes

said reset of the first processing condition, ~~the numeric data of the first processing~~

~~condition for~~ the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial

image forming mode is released is not set ~~as~~ the same as the numeric data of the first

processing condition before the trial image forming mode ~~was~~ is executed.

2. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim

1, wherein in an image forming process after the trial image forming mode is released,

when the numeric data of the first processing condition is changed in the temporarily halted

state, the image forming process is performed a number of times equivalent to the changed

numeric data.

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3. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in an image forming process after the trial image forming mode is released, when a processing condition other than the numeric data of the first processing condition is changed in the halted state, the image forming process is performed a number of times equivalent to the numeric data previously set.

4. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in an image forming process after the trial image forming mode is released, when the numeric data of the first processing condition is not changed in the halted state, the numeric data is decremented by one and the image forming process is performed a number of times equivalent to the numeric data that is newly obtained.

5. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the trial image forming mode, trial image forming is performed for only one set, and the numeric data of the first processing condition that is set is unchanged.

6. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising the steps of:

inputting an image data;

storing the image data;

forming the stored image data;

controlling formation forming of the stored image data in accordance with an image forming mode, which includes and a plurality of processing conditions which

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includes ~~comprising~~ a first processing condition for numeric data <u>corresponding to</u> ~~regarding~~ a number of times image forming operations are performed, and a second

processing condition different from the first processing condition, <u>the second processing</u>

<u>condition corresponding to</u> ~~set for~~ an image forming process; ~~and~~

  enabling setting of a trial image forming mode for an image forming process

in accordance with the image forming mode, <u>wherein</u> ~~where~~ the trial image forming mode

<u>halts</u> ~~can halt~~ the image forming process temporarily and <u>enables</u> ~~enable~~ the image forming

mode to be reset after a predetermined number of image forming operations are performed

based on the second processing condition and regardless of the numeric data of the first

processing condition, when the trial image forming mode is effective~~;~~.

  ~~wherein the numeric data of the first processing condition for the image~~

~~forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is~~

~~controlled in accordance with a state of reset for the image forming mode in a halted state~~

~~of the image forming process;~~

  ~~wherein when the state of reset for the image forming mode is to reset the~~

~~second processing condition, the numeric data of the first processing condition for the~~

~~image forming process after the trial image forming mode is released is set as the numeric~~

~~data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode was executed;~~

~~and when the state of reset for the image forming mode is to reset the first processing~~

~~condition, the numeric data of the first processing condition for the image forming process~~

~~after the trial image forming mode is released is not set as the numeric data of the first~~

~~processing condition before the trial image forming mode was executed~~

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controlling a numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released, so that when a state of reset for the image forming mode during a halted state of the image forming process includes a reset of the second processing condition, and does not include a reset of the first processing condition, the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is set the same as the numeric data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode is executed; and

controlling the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released, so that when said state of reset for the image forming mode during a halted state of the image forming process includes said reset of the first processing condition, the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is not set the same as the numeric data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode is executed.

7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium on which a program is stored to carry out an image forming method, the image forming method comprising the steps of:

inputting an image data;

storing the image data;

forming the stored image data;

controlling formation forming of the stored image data in accordance with an image forming mode, which includes and a plurality of processing conditions which includes comprising a first processing condition for numeric data corresponding to

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regarding a number of times image forming operations are performed, and a second

processing condition different from the first processing condition, the second processing

condition corresponding to ~~set for~~ an image forming process; ~~and~~

enabling setting of a trial image forming mode for an image forming process

in accordance with the image forming mode, wherein ~~where~~ the trial image forming mode

halts ~~can halt~~ the image forming process temporarily and enables ~~enable~~ the image forming

mode to be reset after a predetermined number of image forming operations are performed

based on the second processing condition and regardless of the numeric data of the first

processing condition, when the trial image forming mode is effective;~~;~~

~~wherein the numeric data of the first processing condition for the image~~

~~forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is~~

~~controlled in accordance with a state of reset for the image forming mode in a halted state~~

~~of the image forming process;~~

~~wherein when the state of reset for the image forming mode is to reset the~~

~~second processing condition, the numeric data of the first processing condition for the~~

~~image forming process after the trial image forming mode is released is set as the numeric~~

~~data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode was executed,~~

~~and when the state of reset for the image forming mode is to reset the first processing~~

~~condition, the numeric data of the first processing condition for the image forming process~~

~~after the trial image forming mode is released is not set as the numeric data of the first~~

~~processing condition before the trial image forming mode was executed~~

controlling a numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released, so that when a state of reset for the image forming mode during a halted state of the image forming process includes a reset of the second processing condition, and does not include a reset of the first processing condition, the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is set the same as the numeric data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode is executed; and

controlling the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released, so that when said state of reset for the image forming mode during a halted state of the image forming process includes said reset of the first processing condition, the numeric data for the image forming process to be performed after the trial image forming mode is released is not set the same as the numeric data of the first processing condition before the trial image forming mode is executed.

8. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode, which includes a plurality of processing conditions comprising a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by said image forming means and a second processing condition different from the first processing condition, set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling a trial image forming mode for performing a first image forming operation for performing an image forming operation a predetermined

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number of times based on the second processing condition and regardless of the numeric

data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode set in the first setting

operation, and for allowing a reset of the image forming mode via a second setting

operation by the user after the first image forming operation is performed,

wherein said control means controls so as to perform a second image

forming operation for performing an image forming operation a number of times

corresponding to the numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming

mode set in the first setting operation, after the first image forming operation is performed,

when a reset of the image forming mode via the second setting operation does not include a

reset of the first processing condition, and

wherein the second image forming operation is [not] performed when the

image forming mode is [not] reset via the second setting operation (or) when a reset of the

image forming mode via the second setting operation includes a reset of the first processing

condition.

9. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein said control means controls so as to perform the second image forming operation

for performing an image forming operation a number of times corresponding to the

numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode set via the first

setting operation, based on the second processing condition of the image forming mode

reset via the second setting operation, when a reset of the image forming mode via the

second setting operation does not include a reset of the first processing condition.

10. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means controls so as to perform a third image forming operation which performs an image forming operation a number of times in accordance with the numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode set via the first setting operation and data related to the predetermined number of times in the first image forming operation, based on the second processing condition of the image forming mode set via the first setting operation, after the first image forming operation is performed, when the image forming mode is not reset via the second setting operation.

11. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the predetermined number of times in the first image forming operation is one, and the third image forming operation performs the image forming operation a number of times corresponding to the number obtained by subtracting one from the numeric data of the first processing condition set via the first setting operation.

12. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means controls so as to perform a fourth image forming operation which performs an image forming operation a number of times corresponding to numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode reset via the second setting operation, based on the second processing condition of the image forming mode reset via the second setting operation, after the first image forming operation is performed, when the first processing condition is reset via the second setting operation.

13. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the second processing condition includes processing conditions related to any of sheet selection, sort setting, margin setting, density setting, and two-face image forming.

14. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means displays a screen for the first setting operation and a screen for the second setting operation, on a display unit.

15. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image data from at least either a scanner or an external apparatus can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

16. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image data read according to a user operation can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

17. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode, which includes a plurality of processing conditions including a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by the image forming means and a second processing condition

different from the first processing condition, set via first setting operation by a user, said method comprising the step of:

controlling a trial image forming mode for performing a first image forming operation for performing an image forming operation a predetermined number of times based on the second processing condition and regardless of the numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode set in the first setting operation, and for allowing a reset of the image forming mode via a second setting operation by the user after the first image forming operation is performed,

wherein said control step controls so as to perform a second image forming operation for performing an image forming operation a number of times corresponding to the numeric data of the first processing condition of the image forming mode set in the first setting operation, after the first image forming operation is performed, when a reset of the image forming mode in the second setting operation does not include a reset of the first processing condition, and

wherein the second image forming operation is not performed when the image forming mode is not reset via the second setting operation or when a reset of the image forming mode via the second setting operation includes a reset of the first processing condition.

18. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an

image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said control method comprising:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

19. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein the image forming mode includes a plurality of processing conditions comprising a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by the image forming means, and

wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the first processing condition of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

20. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 19, wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode when the value of the numeric data of the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is below a predetermined value, and controls so as to allow executing of the trial

image forming mode when the value of the numeric data of the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is greater than or equal to the predetermined value.

21. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein the image forming mode comprises a plurality of processing conditions including a first processing condition for selecting a sorting mode or a non-sorting mode, and

wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the first processing condition of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

22. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 21, wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode when the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is the non-sorting mode, and controls so as to allow executing of the trial image forming mode when the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is the sorting mode.

23. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein said control step controls to display a setting screen for the first setting operation by the user to display on a display unit,

said control step controls to execute the trial image forming mode in accordance with a user instruction to request execution of the trial image forming mode input through the display unit, and

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said control step prohibits the execution of the trial image forming mode by controlling the display on the display unit to make the input operation of the user's instruction impossible, and allows the execution of the trial image forming mode by controlling the display on the display unit to make the input operation of the user's instruction possible.

24. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, further comprising a selection step of enabling selection of whether the image forming operation is to be executed with the setting contents of the image forming mode set through the first setting operation as it is or whether the setting of the image forming mode set through the first setting operation is to be changed, after the trial image forming mode is executed.

25. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein the image forming mode includes a plurality of processing conditions related to any of numeric data related to a number of image forming operations, sheet selection, sort setting, margin setting, density setting and two-face image forming.

26. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein said control step controls to display a setting screen for the first setting operation by the user, and causes a display unit to perform a display by which it is possible to discriminate that the trial image forming mode is being executed on the display unit the said trial image forming mode is being executed.

27. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein the image data from at least either a scanner or an external apparatus can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

28. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein image data read according to a user operation from an image storage means can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

29. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein said control step controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read even after the trial image forming mode is executed.

30. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 18, wherein said control step controls to store the image in a memory so that the image used in the image forming operation in the trial image forming mode can be used also in an image forming operation executed after the trial image forming mode.

31. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control means controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the image forming mode in the ' first setting operation.

32. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode, which includes a plurality of processing conditions comprising a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by the image forming means and a second processing condition for selecting a sorting mode or a non-sorting mode, set via a first setting operation by a user, said control method comprising:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control step controls so as to determine allowance/prohibition of executing the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the first processing condition and a state of setting of the second processing condition of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

33. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 32, wherein said control step controls so as to allow the executing of the trial image forming mode when the value of the numeric data of the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is greater than or equal to a predetermined value and the second processing condition set in the first setting operation is the sorting mode, and controls so as to prohibit the executing of the trial image forming mode when the value of the numeric data of the first processing condition set in the first setting operation is below the predetermined value or when the second processing condition set in the first setting operation is the non-sorting mode.

34. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode, which includes a plurality of processing conditions comprising a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by said image forming means and a second processing condition for selecting a sorting mode or a non-sorting mode, set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control means controls so as to determine allowance/prohibition of executing the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the first processing condition and a state of setting of the second processing condition of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

35. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said control method comprising:

a control step of controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting an executing of the trial image forming mode from a user,

wherein said control step controls so as to execute a first display for the first setting operation by the user on a display unit, and

wherein said control step controls so as to execute a second display for inputting the instruction from the user on the display unit.

36. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein said control step controls so as to determine allowance/prohibition of executing the second display for inputting the instruction from the user in accordance with a state of setting of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

37. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 36, wherein said control step controls, when permitting the executing of the second display, so that the second display can be executed in a state that the first display is being executed on the display unit, and controls, when prohibiting the executing of the second display, so that the second display is not executed in the state that the first display is being executed on the display unit.

38. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein said control step controls to execute the trial image forming mode, in accordance with the instruction input via the second display on the display unit.

39. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein the image data from at least either a scanner or an external apparatus can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

40. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein image data read according to a user operation from an image storage means can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

41. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein said control step controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read even after the trial image forming mode is executed.

42. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 35, wherein said control step controls to store the image in a memory so that the image used in the image forming operation in the trial image forming mode can be used also in the image forming operation to be executed the said trial image forming mode.

43. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting an executing of the trial image forming mode from a user,

wherein said control means controls so as to execute a first display for the first setting operation by user on a display unit, and

wherein control means controls so as to execute a second display for inputting the instruction from the user on the display unit.

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44. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus

which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an

image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said control method

comprising:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an

image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image

forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control step controls so as to execute a notification which

enables the user to discriminate a first state where the image forming means is not

operating in the trial image forming mode and a second state where the image forming

means is operating in the trial image forming mode, and which enables the user to

discriminate that the trial image forming mode is being executed in the second state.

45. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 44, wherein

said control step controls so as to execute a first display for the first setting operation by the

user on a display unit, and

wherein said control step controls so as to execute the notification by

causing the display unit to execute a second display for the notification.

46. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 45, wherein

said control step controls so as to execute the first display to the display unit when the

image forming means is in the first state and controls so as to execute the second display to the display unit when the image forming means is in the second state.

47. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 44, wherein the image data from at least either a scanner or an external apparatus can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

48. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 44, wherein the image data read according to a user operation from an image storage means can be printed in the trial image forming mode.

49. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 44, wherein said control step controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read after the trial image forming mode is executed.

50. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 44, wherein said control step controls to store the image data in a memory so that the image data used in the image forming operation in the trial image forming mode can be used also in the image forming operation to be executed after the trial image forming mode.

51. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling a trial image forming mode which for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control means controls so as to execute a notification which enables the user to discriminate a first state that said image forming means is not operating in the trial image forming mode and a second state that the image forming means is operating in the trial image forming mode, and which enables the user to discriminate that the trial image forming mode is being executed in the second state.

52. (Previously Added) A control method of an image forming apparatus which has image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said control method comprising:

a control step of controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting execution of the trial image forming mode from a user,

wherein said control step controls to execute the trial image forming mode

using image data read from an image memory by using a box function enabling the image

data to be stored in the image memory irrespective of print execution of the image data and

to read and execute the image data from the image memory if it is necessary to print the

image data.

53. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 52, wherein

the image data from at least either a scanner or an external apparatus can be printed in the

trial image forming mode.

54. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 52, wherein

the box function can change the image forming mode every time the image data is read

from the image memory.

55. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 52, wherein

said control step controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image

forming mode for the image forming operation can be read after the trial image forming

mode is executed.

56. (Previously Added) A control method according to claim 52, wherein said control step controls to store the image forming mode in the image memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read after the trial image forming mode is executed.

57. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus comprising:

image forming means for performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user; and

control means for controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting an executing of the trial image forming mode from the user,

wherein said control means controls to be able to execute the trial image forming mode using image data read from an image memory by using a box function enabling the image data to be stored in the image memory irrespective of print execution of the image data and to read and execute the image data from the image memory if it is necessary to print the image data.

58. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read after the trial image forming mode is executed.

59. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls to store the image in a memory so that the image used in the image forming operation in the trial image forming mode can be used also in the image forming operation executed after the trial image forming mode.

60. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means controls to store the image forming mode in a memory so that the image forming mode for the image forming operation can be read even after the trial image forming mode is executed.

61. (Previously Added) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means controls to store the image in a memory so that the image used in the image forming operation in the trial image forming mode can be used also in the image forming operation to be executed after the trial image forming mode.

62. (Previously Added) A computer-readable storage medium for an image forming apparatus which has image forming means capable of performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by user, said storage medium storing a program to cause the image forming apparatus to execute:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control step controls so as to prohibit executing of the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

63. (Previously Added) A computer-readable storage medium for an image forming apparatus which has image forming means capable of performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode, which includes a plurality of processing conditions comprising a first processing condition for numeric data related to a number of times image forming operations are performed by the image forming means and a second processing condition for selecting a sorting mode or a non-sorting mode, set via a first setting operation by a user, said storage medium storing a program to cause the image forming apparatus to execute:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

wherein said control step controls so as to determine allowance/prohibition of executing the trial image forming mode in accordance with a state of setting of the first processing condition and a state of setting of the second processing condition of the image forming mode in the first setting operation.

64. (Previously Added) A computer-readable storage medium for an image forming apparatus which has image forming means capable of performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said storage medium storing a program to cause the image forming apparatus to execute:

a control step of controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting an executing of the trial image forming mode from a user,

wherein said control step controls so as to execute a first display for the first setting operation by the user on a display unit, and

wherein said control step controls so as to execute a second display for inputting the instruction from the user on the display unit.

65. (Previously Added) A computer-readable storage medium for an image forming apparatus which has image forming means capable of performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said storage medium storing a program to cause the image forming apparatus to execute:

a control step of controlling a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation,

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wherein said control step controls so as to execute a notification which enables the user to discriminate a first state where the image forming means is not operating in the trial image forming mode and a second state where the image forming means is operating in the trial image forming mode, and which enables the user to discriminate that the trial image forming mode is being executed in the second state.

66. (Previously Added) A computer-readable storage medium for an image forming apparatus which has image forming means capable of performing an image forming operation based on an image forming mode set via a first setting operation by a user, said storage medium storing a program to cause the image forming apparatus to execute:

a control step of controlling so as to execute a trial image forming mode for performing an image forming operation for confirming the image forming operation based on the image forming mode set via the first setting operation in accordance with an instruction for requesting execution of the trial image forming mode from a user,

wherein said control step controls to execute the trial image forming mode using image data read from an image memory by using a box function enabling the image data to be stored in the image memory irrespective of print execution of the image data and to read and execute the image data from the image memory if it is necessary to print the image data.